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Response to Restriction Election

1. Applicant's election of Group I and the species (Example 1: [N-Cyclopropyl-4-methyl-3-{1-[(1-methylethyl)sulfonyl]}H-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-5-yl}benzamide) in the reply filed on January 18, 2010 is acknowledged. The election was made with traverse, and the examiner finds the arguments unpersuasive. The traversal is on the grounds that the "even under the PCT guidelines the process of making and a use are included within the unity of invention for compounds." While it is unclear what is meant by this statement, the claims as presented were found to lack a special technical feature and unity of invention is absent. Without unity of invention processes of making and using are clearly separable and the examiner followed the appropriate course. It is worth pointing out that should applicant's product claims be found allowable the method of making that includes all the limitations of the allowable product claims will be rejoined. The response of January 18, 2010 failed to elect "a condition or disease state mediated by p38 kinase activity or mediated by cytokines produced by the activity of p38 kinase" intended use condition of claim 12. Claim 12 is listed as withdrawn in the current set of amendments, however it is a compound claim so it is examined with compounds and the status identifier is wrong. Functional language as that of the instant claims carries no patentable weight in claims for compositions of matter see Union Oil Co. of California v. Atlantic Richfield Co. 54 USPQ2d 1227 where "composition claims cannot, as the appellant refiners argue, embrace only certain uses of that composition. (citing In Re Spada) Otherwise these composition claims would mutate into method claims." The examiner tried to reach the applicant's representative by phone but was unsuccessful.

Group I, Claims 1-10, 12, 16-20 drawn to compounds and compositions having a pyrazolo pyridine core, where A is pyrazole and Z1 is N or N=O and Z2 is CH, or Z1 is CH and Z2 is N or N=O. If this group is elected, a further election of a single disclosed species of compound is also required. In addition further election of an intended use is required.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David K. O'Dell whose telephone number is (571)272-9071. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M..

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